GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5535
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2002
RESERVE OF OIL IN SUNDERBANS WEST BENGAL
MINATI SEN

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Geologist of ONGC had claimed availability of a huge quantity of oil in the vast area of Sunderbans in West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether the Geologist had given enough evidence in support of his claim; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC) is not aware of any claim made by any Geologist working in ONGC regarding huge quantity of oil in Sunderbans.

(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.